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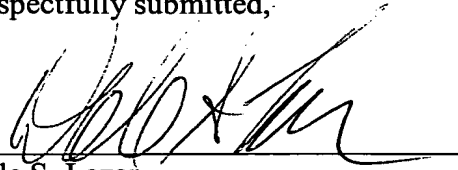
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The application (copy attached) identified in the attached Appendix is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of that U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

In addition, relevance of the non-English language references are discussed in the present specification and/or in the Background Art Information Sheets and English-language Abstracts also attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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